The National Children's Science Congress supported by the Ministries of Human Resource Development, Science and Technology and Environment and Forest, has attempted to demonstrate on a large scale that science practicals in the formal curriculum can be gradually replaced by project activities which emphasive learning by ding and the use of the method of science by students at all levels.

Meteoric threat to mamnate satellites

1482. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the astronomers have recently warned that the meteor stars would envelope earth's orbit between 1997 and 2000 and threaten man-date satellites orbiting the planet; and

(b) whether any studies have been made in the matter and if so, the preventive steps proposed to be taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) The Department of Space has no information in this regard.

(b) Does not arise.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Correcting answer to the Question

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY DEPTT. OF INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE (DEPTT. OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): I lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th August, 1994 to Unstarred Question 2397 regarding voluntary retirement scheme in BHEL. (Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-6648/94)

I lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd March, 1994 to Unstarred Question 1435 regarding orders placed by Coal India Limited with HEC.

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SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI (Rajasthan): They have corrected it, but we do not know what they have corrected. They could have circulated the correction.

SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI: Madam, we have circulated it and there was only some typing mistake.

(The Deputy Chairman In The Chair)

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Reports and Accounts (1993-94) of the various Institutions and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPTT. OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND ... AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): Madam, I lay on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Science Congress Association, Calcutta, for the year 1993-94, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

(Placed in Library. See No. LT-6587/94).

(ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Facility for Animal Tissue and Cell Culture, Pune, for the year 1993-94, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(Placed in Library. See No. LT-6588/94).